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GOD'S LOVE

The Mother's Love

Over the forest and treeless plains
And over the heights above,
'Tis ever the same, the heart of the home
Is the throb of the mother's love.

It flows from her lips to her finger tips,
Caressing the baby's curls;
It shines in her eyes that sympathize
With the tears of her little girls.

The sorrows and joys of her little boys,
It only can understand,
And it hallows the touch we love so much—
The pressure of mother's hand.

On every sea and on every land
Beneath the sky's blue dome,
The mother's love is the life and the light
And the throbbing heart of the home.

—Edgar Cooley.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

The Cobbtown district convention will convene at Hillside church near Cobbtown beginning on Friday night before the third Sunday in May, with our state overseer in charge. Come and bring a well-filled basket on Sunday. We are looking for you.—E. D. Douglas, district overseer, Rt. 3, Milam, Ga.

To whom it may concern: I, the undersigned, am no longer clerk of The Church of God at Glamorgan, Va. Brother William B. Rogers has been elected to fill that office.—Yours in Christ, Maurice Gilbert, Glamorgan, Va.

To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from Box 292, Blacksburg, S. C. to 3 Tennant St., Saxon Mill, Spartanburg, S. C.—J. R. Mullinax.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Dunn, La., on the fourth Sunday in May, (24th). Every member in the Church of God at this place is expected to be present either in person or by letter, reporting his spiritual condition. There are charges against some members who will be excluded on the night of May 24 at our general conference if restoration hasn't been made by this date. Come on members, bring your mission, aged ministers, indebtedness and all other funds, which you have been disloyal in. Enjoy the good blessings of the Lord by your loyalty. Be ready for the North Louisiana district convention which convenes at Dunn, La., June 12-14. We are expecting you.—Amanda L. Fuller, clerk, Dunn, La.

Mrs. Claud Crane is no longer the clerk of Davis Gap church. Mr. Marie Milbourn, Clayton, Ga., is the clerk.—Don O. Tatum, pastor of Davis Gap church.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's in Mississippi: We have changed the date for our convention so our state overseer can be with us. It will convene May 30-31 at McCall, Miss. Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's, we are looking for you to respond. Come and be with us and we will do thee good.—A. J. Gardner, S. S. Supt.; Mava J. Morgan, State Y. P. E. Supt.

The Sylacauga district convention will convene at the Church of God at Talladega, Ala., beginning Friday night, May 15-17. We are expecting all churches on the district to be represented and all pastors present. We are expecting visitors from adjoining districts. We will have

all-day services Sunday with dinner on the ground. Bring a well-filled basket. Our state overseer will be with us also.—W. M. Wood, district pastor, Sylacauga, Ala.

To whom it may concern: The Kingston, Jam., district convention will convene at Ross Tabernacle in the Parish of St. Mary, about five miles south of Annotto Bay, June 2-4. We will be looking for you at this convention. Remember the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost will be there and we are expecting showers of blessings. For further information you can refer to the writer or to Evangelist Eva A. Munroe, Annotto Bay P. O., local pastor.—S. A. Robertson, district pastor, Jones Pen P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

If there is any preacher who is out in the work and is not afraid of the devil, we wish you would hear and heed the Macedonian call. Come over here and help us. Write me when you can come.—M. O. Smith, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

If any one knows the whereabouts of Brother and Sister Frank and F. I. Lindenman, I would like to have their address.—Mrs. Maggie Creekmore, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1128 N. W. 6th.

The Phenix City district convention of the Church of God will convene at Lanett, Ala., May 22-24 inclusive, beginning at 7:00 p. m., Friday, with Brother Dunn, our state overseer, in charge. We are expecting all of our pastors, evangelists, and clerks to be present, and we invite everybody to come and enjoy the wonderful blessings from the Lord. We ask that each pastor see that his members come with their ten cents on old ministers' fund and also the twelve cents assessment on the camp ground. Come, one and all, with all your good music and let's pray that we will have a good convention.—Your humble brother and district overseer, J. S. Collins, Lanett, Ala.

Those wishing my service in the revival work, I am open for calls. Please write me at Lenoir City, Tennessee.—C. E. Richard.

Our Walhalla district convention date has been changed from May 8-10 to May 29-31. Brother Johnson has been called on by the General Overseer to help him and he won't be able to have the convention until then. Every pastor on this district is urged to be present at the convention if you can. Let's be 100 per cent on every thing.—B. T. Sprouse, district pastor.

The St. Joseph district convention of the Church of God will convene at the North St. Joseph church, 201 Main St., St. Joseph, Mo., June 18-21. The first

service begins at 7:30 p. m. All pastors and clerks please be there with a full report. Come on and help make this a blessing to the Church of God.—W. J. Milligan, state overseer, in charge.

I am open for calls. Any one wishing a revival, write me at the address given below. I stand foursquare for the Church of God.—Evangelist John H. McDowell, Cheraw, S. C.

The Indiana state convention will convene at Shelburn, Ind., May 22-24. Our General Overseer, J. H. Walker, will be present. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. All are invited. Entertainment will be free. Come and be with us.—C. H. Standifer, Overseer of State.

We praise the Lord for a two weeks' revival held at Earl, April 12-26, with Brother J. B. Merritt and wife in charge. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way from the beginning throughout the revival and the church in general was revived, for which we thank the Lord. If you are in need of a revival, you will do well to have Brother and Sister Merritt come to your church. They are on fire for God and have proved a blessing to the church.—Your servant in Christ, J. E. Faile, pastor, Rt. 5, Aiken, S. C.

The Miami church would like to hear from the following people: Mary Griffiths, Charlie Griffiths, W. L. Sparkman, Elsie Bolt, C. F. Savoy, Minnie Ellwood, Henry Corley, Lillie Hulst, Ben Grob, P. Bodnewx, Estelle Payne.—W. L. Ware, 334 N. W. 28th St., Miami, Fla.

There will be a home coming and an all-day service at the Church of God at Lane Chapel on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. Everybody is invited. Bring a well-filled basket. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. All preachers on the district are especially invited. Pray for Lane.—Brother and Sister F. C. Warman, Rt. 2, Edgewood, Texas.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CONV'NS.

The Lawton, Oklahoma district convention convenes at Lawton, May 8-10. W. M. Ford, district overseer.

Ada, Oklahoma district convention convenes at Ada, May 15-17. W. M. Schneidmueller, district overseer.

The Murphy, Oklahoma district convention convenes at Murphy, May 22-24. Ward Hill, district overseer.—S. J. Wood, state overseer, Box 115, Lawton, Okla.

The Brownfield district convention will convene at Slaton, Texas, May 22-24. Everybody invited to come and be with us.—B. A. Ratchford, district pastor, Rt. 3, Brownfield, Tex.

Mother's Day

S. W. LATIMER, EDITOR & PUBLISHER

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene." John 19:25.

EVERY one will hail with joy May 10 as this is Mother's Day. All those whose mothers are living should wear a red rose and those whose mothers have passed away should wear a white rose. This will bring back many memories of the past. No doubt our minds will go back to the days of childhood. Many will visit the old homes and if the old home has been sold or occupied by others, no doubt, there will be many relics that mother has left us that we cherish so dearly, will be put out where the children can see them, and the story will be told of our precious mothers and their love and care.

How well do I remember my mother, how she used to arrange for the happiness and pleasure of us children. It was her delight to make home happy. She always kept the home so neat and clean and everything in its place. She made all of our clothes and was always careful to select the best materials and make them in a neat way that would be pleasing to us. She was a great singer and kept song books in the library and on the center tables. After the evening meal she would gather us together and sing some of the sweet songs of Zion. She was careful about our association and said so often that she wished she could keep us right with her all the time. She took great delight in taking us to church and she had rules for us to go by. We were to sit as near the front as possible, never whisper in time of church, and kneel when we prayed. She always taught us to never speak disrespectfully of any one or repeat anything we heard any one say unless we first told her about it. If it was anything that she thought should not be repeated, she would always tell us in a motherly way how much harm it would bring to others.

She always had the furniture well arranged. She used one room of the house as a living room where we were allowed to romp and play, and she always kept one room well furnished where we entertained our guests. It was always a delight to us children to sit in this guest chamber and listen to mother and the neighbors talk. If the conversation drifted into something concerning neighbors, that she thought was not best for the children to hear, she would suggest to sing a song or talk about some service

or something good that had happened. Of course it is perfectly natural for me to think that I had the best mother in the world.

On each week-end she filled the pantry with cookies and we were allowed to get them between meals. I never remember her refusing us anything that she could grant. She was noted as the best cook in the community. If there was an extra occasion on, she would spend days baking cakes and pies for the neighbors. She was the balance wheel of the home and when mother was gone it seemed that everything was gloomy. Just her presence was all we children wanted.

After my brothers and I were large enough to go out in the evenings, my mother never retired until we all came in. I never remember a time when she didn't meet us at the door and we lived so close to her until we always told her where we had visited during the day, and about our associates. She would never let us retire after these times of visiting without praying for God to help us. In the winter she always had some stories to read around the fireside, and good things to tell us. In the summer, after the evening meal, we would all gather on the front porch and there in the moonlight she would tell us about Jesus and His love and her girlhood days. She was a great lover of horses and I would always get her to tell me about her saddle horse that she rode when she was a girl. It put a love in my heart for animals. In fact, I believe that the very nature and life of a mother is instilled in her children, and the things she loves they will love.

I was never surprised at Jesus' mother standing near the cross. It was just like a mother. The mother is the soul of the home. This is the language of sentiment but it is overly true. The foundation of the home may be of wood, brick, or stone; the floor may be inlaid with hardwood or pine; the shingles of slate or wood; the light may be an oil lamp in the home. These materials are of value but there is nothing so precious as a Christian mother. Without her presence and her love there is no joy, no continual bliss. She keeps the altar fires burning. She keeps love and unity in the home. Of course we cannot bring these dear ones back, and we wouldn't if we could, but those whose mothers are living should certainly put forth an effort to make them happy. They should be the crowning feature of the celebration and worship on this Mother's Day.

I remember how my mother used to

work in the flowers. She loved flowers. The banisters on the porch were covered with flowers. Every nook and corner of the yard was planted in flowers of some kind, and in the days of long ago when we didn't know so much about the florists and the wreaths for funerals, the neighbors came from far and near to pluck flowers for funerals, weddings, and special days. She always kept a hothouse in the yard for winter flowers. Well, to make a long story short, I had the best mother in the world.

I had the good fortune to get for a wife one of the home-loving type and I am sure that my children will bear me witness that she has been one of the best mothers in the world. She has given her entire life in beautifying the home and when our children were small she took great delight in keeping them neat and clean and arranging everything possible for their pleasure. Our lives have been one of toil and but little gain, but we feel that we have planted the seed of righteousness and truth in our children and in days to come they will rise up to call their mother blessed. It seems that they had rather visit home than any other place, and this is a great joy to me. Of all the places, there is no place like home. Mother is the sweetest name next to Jesus. Jesus and heaven come first, and mother and home come next. We hope that this Mother's Day message will be a blessing to every one and that God's smile and approval will be on every one who makes some one happy.

*"Nobody knows the work it takes
To keep the home together.
Nobody knows of the steps it takes.
Nobody knows but mother.*

*"Nobody listens to childish woe
Which kisses only smother.
Nobody's pained by naughty blows,
Nobody, only mother.*

*"Nobody knows of the sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother.
Nobody knows of the tender prayer,
Nobody, only mother.*

*"Nobody knows of the lessons taught
Of loving one another;
Nobody knows of the patience sought,
Nobody, only mother.*

*"Nobody knows of the anxious fears
Lest darlings may not weather
The storms of life in after years.
Nobody knows but mother.*

*"Nobody kneels at the throne above
To thank the heavenly Father
For the sweetest gift—a mother's love.
Nobody can but mother."*

Luke 1:46-55, "And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my
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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

in Northern Transvaal, Africa, some weeks ago an enormous black cloud drifted over the section and let loose on a native village, three inches of rain within a few minutes' time. This was followed by huge hailstones, some of which are said to have been as large as a coconut. Many natives were killed, hundreds were made homeless, and all livestock and crops were destroyed. Hailstones piled up to a depth of three feet in some places and natives caught in the storm had to be dug out of the frozen piles.

We read in Rev. 16:21 of the immense hailstones that will fall in the tribulation period. We have read of hailstones weighing 4 1-2 pounds, and stones weighing more than a pound have fallen in the United States. One cannot but be reminded of what awaits men who are not taken when our Lord comes for His own.—*Prophecy.*

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THE OBLIGATION AND RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO THE JEW

There is not only the claim of these chosen people upon the Church but there is Christ's command to the Church concerning these chosen people.

In sending out His apostles on their first missionary tour the Lord told them not to go to the Samaritans, not to the Gentiles, but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. We try to tell ourselves that these early commands have been revoked, but we have much difficulty producing the proof. It is generally thought that because of their rejection of Him He turned away from the Jews at a certain period in His ministry to go to the Gentiles. I remind you that after His resurrection, even after the Jews had killed Him, He said to His disciples: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." You will notice carefully the Divine order of the places where the witness is to be given, Jerusalem, Judea, and then on further. Paul certainly did not have the conception that our Lord turned away from the Jews. He said, in that great declaration of his faith in the gospel: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: TO THE JEW FIRST, and also to the Greek." But it is argued that "to the Jew first" was removed once the Church was thoroughly established, yet Paul says in Rom. 11:31, after the establishing of the Church, that through Gentile mercy the Jews also obtain mercy.

The glory of the gospel is that it is for all people. The message is for Jews and Gentile without any shadow of dif-

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✻ Editorials ✻

On the first day of May we received a telegram from Brother U. D. Tidwell in Atlanta, Ga., telling us that Brother J. P. Hughes was seriously ill. He has appendicitis and his appendix ruptured. This brought great grief to our hearts and we earnestly request that those on the field will take him to God in prayer. God is able to heal for we have tried Him so often.

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As we go to press with this issue the hum of the publishing house is still going. With the coming of spring it seems that we all have taken on new life and are working with all our might. The click of the typewriters is continually going. The voice of the proofreaders can be heard almost every hour of the day. The increase of the work has placed new burdens upon those who labor in the publishing house, and I believe I can truthfully say that the work has more than doubled in the last few years. I can hardly see how some of the departments are doing as much work as they are. But in working for the Lord it is different from some worldly institution and we feel that God has given strength to the laborers in the publishing house.

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We have quite a stock of good books and tracts of all kinds, and especially do we feel that our church people should order books and tracts on the Church. We have now some recent books that we feel there are some good things in for those who love the Church. If you have any friends that you wish to introduce the Church of God doctrine to we have a few tracts on that subject. These books range in price from fifty to twenty-five cents, the tracts are twenty cents a hundred.

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WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO THIS QUESTION?

Recently the question was asked me,

"What will be the last sign of the present age?" We feel that this is answered in Acts 1:9-11. "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come as ye have seen him go." 1 Thess. 4:14, 15, "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall prevent them which are asleep."

We feel that the next great event is the coming of Jesus to resurrect the righteous dead and take away from this world His Church. All signs and prophecies have certainly been fulfilled. The wisdom of man has been displayed in invention and also in transgression. The catalog of crime is full and what more could be invented for the promotion of business and blessing of the world than has already been invented? In the last days the Spirit has been poured out on the wicked world and we feel that God's blessings to the human heart have been so complete until every phase of prophecy concerning the workings of the Spirit has been fulfilled.

Daniel 7:13, 14, "I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." We feel that these scriptures thoroughly describe the next great event and the next sign is to take place in the list of happenings. We feel that all Christendom should be awake and make every preparation necessary for the return of our Lord on the clouds of heaven.

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HAILSTONES LIKE COCONUTS IN AFRICA

A letter recently received tells us that

The Way of Holiness

BY MRS. M. B. MOSS

TEXT: Isaiah 35:8.

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the WAYS, and see, and ask for the OLD PATHS, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find REST for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein," Jer. 6:16.

"Stand ye in the ways and see." There are thousands of missions and churches all over the "land of the free and the home of the brave." We would be better off without many of them. We need quality, not quantity. Glory to God!

*"You've let down the bars,
You've let down the bars;
You've compromised with sin,
You've let down the bars;
And the sheep ran out
While the goats were coming in."*

We have seen girls with the baptism and speaking in tongues, up singing the Lord's songs in the choir with sleeveless dresses, very lownecked and about to the knees, faces powdered, rouged, lipsticked, hair marcelled, crimped, or permanent wave all set the same as sinners and movie stars, or, plastered with powder pale as death, advertising "eternal life," stalking around on high spike heels that belong to the dance hall, deforming the body, the "temple of God," mincing around on stilts, with no beauty or freedom of step. "The daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched-forth neck***walking and mincing as they go***and the crimping pins***well set hair," Isa. 3:16, 22, 24.

In one place we saw them preach with bobbed hair and jewelry. All over the country folks are preaching and testifying and dancing in the Spirit, in dresses that fit like the paper on the wall, or whatever wild extreme of dress the world chooses to put forth. Those nasty, indecent, lude dresses lead some men to hell, as surely as a glass of whiskey does others. God help us from sending souls to hell through our dress—"but his blood will I require at thine hand," Ezekiel 33:8.

We came out of these churches and missions because they fought "sanctification" as a definite work, and because of the pride and dress of the world, and behold! we find the same worldly spirit creeping into the Church of God. "Stand ye in the ways and see." Yes, we have stood and seen to our sorrow and grief, and many times I have howled and cried alone on my face before God, broken-hearted over the missions, and churches where I have given my talent, soul and

body all hours of the day and night, to win souls.

The younger generation is sweeping in with new styles and new ways, worldly wisdom and ideas, new plans and a new spirit that despises the "old paths."

Many Church of God preachers dare not preach decent, modest, humble, quiet dress, for their wives and daughters refuse to wear them. We see the almost sleeveless dress, the skin-tight styles, the white-washed faces, the spike heels and "changeable suits of apparel," Isa. 3:22, 23, the veils, low-necks, and the permanent wave that ruins the hair, brought in. Today many dress the same before and after being saved, and we don't see much change in their lives. That's what makes "cliques" and divisions in the church among those who dress in the latest style and those who dress in plain, decent dress.

The latest style preaching I have heard of up here in the north, is to go out bathing and enjoy the water with the rest, then come out on the beach and preach the gospel in your bathing suit.

As long as you dress like the world, whether at home, abroad, in church, the world will claim you and the sinner will be attracted and flirt with you and you will have to backslide to marry him. Lift Christ up and not yourself. Too late you'll find out God has called you to walk in the "old paths." One girl I knew was called to Africa and after she was married she still had the call and vision of lost souls and would see their faces and hands outstretched, pleading for her to come. "The gifts, and calling of God are without repentance," Rom. 11:29. She could not go. She was tied down to a man with whom the devil had linked her up. The mate that God has for you, is one that has the same call and field that He has given to you. Glory to His matchless name forever! Men are distracted and some commit suicide trying to make enough money to clothe themselves and their families in the height of fashion.

*"O Master, shepherd of the flock,
The fold looks bare and thin
For the sheep have almost left the fold;
But how did the goats get in?"*

I've seen ministers' wives in the Church of God with almost sleeveless dresses and wondered how they got in. When we get saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Spirit, it's not a time to dress in fine, latest styles of the world. Ministers have been driven to quit

preaching and lost the victory and gone into business because they did not get enough money for their families to dress as the world and keep up with "society." In some places they are continually pleading for money, and some nights two or three offerings are taken up, which takes hours to get and the spirit of the service is broken.

"Ask for the old paths," Jer. 6:16. That good old way of holiness—the great highway of holiness; where the unclean shall not pass over it, but the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein, Isa. 8:35. Let us look at the "old paths" in the days of Moody. There was a dear friend of ours who had preached twelve years in a Presbyterian church without the "fulness of the Spirit" but when he heard Moody preach and tell of his experience, he too, took his stand for the "fulness of the Spirit" as they called it then. His whole life was changed. Off came his high-topped hat, his gold-headed cane went forever, he sold his gold watch and bought a plain one, went into the slums, and preached.

The young lady who afterwards became his wife, got saved in A. B. Simpson's Mission in New York City. She had been trained as a grand opera singer with twelve or more trunks following her over Europe, and a number of maids. She stripped herself of everything of the world and dressed in neat, modest, quiet apparel to preach Christ and Him crucified. She wore the same in her home and private life as she did in the pulpit. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world," Gal. 6:14.

I've heard dear old Abbie Morrow Brown tell of the "Blue Bird of Mulberry Lane" and I've seen her picture before and after being saved. Her picture before was wild, haggard, and terrible, dressed in rags, but after she met Christ, she was dressed in clean, sweet, modest garments, with a bright, smiling face, all aglow with the beauty of Heaven shining forth.

Sun Dar Sing of India laid aside his princely robes and turned down the great wealth that would have been his, if he denounced Christ, and put on the common dress of the poor class there and went afoot preaching as Christ preached long ago.

Gen. Fung Ye Shang, the famous Christian general of China laid aside the silks of the wealthy class and dressed in common blue "bri" of the poor. His soldiers became Christians and when they came into the cities everything evil had to move out. We have worked in the slums of some of the largest cities of America, dressed in modest quiet clothes,

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Effectual Prayer

MRS. MARY L. TIDWELL

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," Jas. 5:16.

I FEEL that we are now at a time when nothing but prayer will cause the Church to move on. We are not where we ought to be spiritually, we are not moving in the power of the Holy Ghost as we should. It seems that we have been too long in one place and it's going to take more than preaching to move people, for in most places they have become case-hardened to the Word of God. May the Lord help us as His people to spend more time in prayer. It has been well said that prayer changes things. We are confronting a world of unbelief and the Christians' only hope for victory and great success is through prayer. I have been made to feel lately that we are giving too much time to organizations and material things rather than praying for God's will to be done. Oh, that our people could realize the dangers, pitfalls, and the storms of persecutions that are being planned by those who are enemies of the cause of Christ. Like Mordecai of old, when the decree was issued for the destruction of the Jews, his only hope was prayer.

Prayer is a mighty force and through prayer and supplication God can and will work out His plan concerning His people in these last days. We notice as we look into the Word of God that the most dynamic force in the universe is prayer. We also notice that it reveals the fact that through prayer kingdoms have been subdued, the mouths of lions have been shut, mighty battles have been won, the dead have been raised, a dry path made through the Red Sea, the sun made to stand still, fire to fall from heaven consuming the sacrifice, etc., and now, dear ones, we are serving the very same powerful God but we are made to wonder sometimes why, with the masses of professed Christians, prayer has become such a dead, powerless, lifeless form, which does not affect either the one who prays or the object for which prayer is being made. Our text speaks of effectual prayer. That is the kind that affects things. If we were to judge our heavenly Father by the results of the prayers of many professed Christians to-day, we would have to conclude that He had either died or gone out of business.

Now for our inspiration, let us turn to a few of God's precious promises concerning prayer, the kind that is revealed in the Bible as a mighty, living, moving force that affects conditions and circum-

stances. In John 15:7 Jesus says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." In 1 John 3:21, 22 we find the statement, "Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." In Matt. 18:19 Jesus says, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." In the light of these great promises and many more like them, let us carefully examine God's Word to see if we can find an explanation for the deplorable conditions that are existing in the lives of so many to-day in relation to the vital subject "Prayer."

Let's consider the Scripture in Matt. 6:9-13 in which is given us by our Lord an example of how to effectually pray. I am sure in these verses we will find that, while God holds out to us the unlimited power of prayer, yet it is only to be realized on certain conditions existing in the heart of the one who prays. In this very first sentence the truth is revealed that effectual prayer is based on relationship. "Our Father which art in heaven." No one can effectually pray until he has been brought into such relationship with God the Father that in the deep wells of his being he can say "My Father" and know in truth and in deed that God has become his Father. It is only through the spiritual birth that such relationship can become a vital reality in one's life. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again," and in Romans 8:15, 16 we find that when we are born again we "receive the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our Spirit, that we are children of God." Also in 2 Peter 1:4 it is declared that through His exceeding great and precious promises we are made partakers of the divine nature. It is only through the spiritual birth that we are made new creatures in Christ Jesus, the one and only experience in which our old fallen, unregenerate nature is substituted by God's own divine nature and, dear ones, it is only when this has become a living, conscious fact in our lives that we can pray effectually.

Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy will be done," and to pray this prayer means that the will of God shall be our choice regardless of the cost. Oh, that every child of God would pray from the

depths of his heart, "Lord, your will be done concerning me." Perhaps for some it would mean go to the jungles of Africa, or the dirty huts of China, or the burning sands of India, but my dear friends, the sweetest place this side of heaven is the center of God's will anyway. God help us to pray and obey. If there ever was a time when this poor old lost broken world needed men and women who can effectually pray, it surely is to-day. May our heavenly Father help us to realize the importance of the hour that is upon us. Truly the day is far spent and the night is at hand, when these golden opportunities of sharing with our adorable Christ in the work of His kingdom will be forever gone beyond our reach. Help us to work while it is day.

I feel that the greatest event the world has ever known is just ahead, so it behooves us to make the final and necessary preparations for this great day. Oh, that we would all throw our very life into the gospel of Jesus Christ and instead of prayer being a secondary matter, as it seems to be with so many, may it have first place in our lives and in our services. If we would only give prayer its right place, what a change would come over our work. I'm sure it would mean more success. Just think what a great work even the humblest of us can do by prayer. The strongest and most talented can only reach a small number with their preaching compared to the vast multitude of people there is in the world, but with our prayers we can girdle the globe. It is strange how dense we are that we cannot see this. Why should we place greater value on our own feeble efforts than upon reaching up and moving the hand that moves the world?

When we think of such promises as "call unto me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not," it is a very simple conclusion that the reason we do not see great and mighty things is because we do not call. What else could it be in the face of such a promise? If we could only realize the value of prayer! God help us to keep looking to Him day by day for our spiritual life. We must keep in constant hourly touch with Him. We must by a life of prayer and communion upon trust, keep momentarily drawing upon Him. I believe the world has yet to see what can be done by patient, persevering, prevailing prayer. Lord, help us to give our lives more fully to this. No one will deny that we are in perilous times, there is conflict on every side. There never was a time when God's people were so urgently called and driven to prayer. As we look around on this great wicked world with its sin, suffering and sorrow, and see so many people who are

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Kansas Over The Top With Aged Ministers' Fund

We received a money order from the overseer of the State of Kansas, Brother J. M. Snyder, covering their entire quota for the aged ministers' fund. Hurrah for Kansas!—Gen. Sec.-Treas.

On Fire For God

SILVER CREEK, Ga.—I thank the Lord for full and free salvation and for being a member of the great Church of God. I thank the Lord for what I felt at Carrollton Easter Sunday. How the Lord did bless. We all had a wonderful time. Sister Gann brought forth a wonderful message. It was food to my soul.

Brother Brown has a wonderful band of saints on his district. They are all on fire for God. Thank the Lord for the other sermons that I heard and for the sermon that Brother Frank Moore brought Sunday afternoon on "The Church." Thank the Lord for preachers who will stand for the Church.

I desire the prayers of every saint that I will stand true till Jesus comes or calls.—A brother in Christ, H. V. Hutchins, Rt. 1.

A Fresh Anointing

MOULTRIE, Ga.—I thank God for the revival which we had for the past two weeks with Brother D. C. Culpepper and his son, Lawson Culpepper, doing the preaching, with Brother Sauls assisting. I feel that God sent them this way. He wonderfully blessed in each service. The Holy Ghost took charge in several services.

Three were filled with the Holy Ghost, three saved, and two added to the church. I feel each one got a fresh anointing from heaven. I ask each one who reads this to pray for me that I will stay humble enough that the Lord can use me in His service. Also pray for my lost loved ones that they might be saved, and please pray for the healing of my body.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. John Bryan, 402 2nd St., N. E.

Help Received a Blessing

THE CHURCH OF GOD, HAITI.—We thank the Lord for all His blessings toward the Church of God in Haiti. Since our last article we have received help from different saints and churches as follows: Sister Osterhaut, Brother John L. Stephens, Sister Mary J. Downing, and the Mission Circle at Grand Ledge, Mich., through the Publishing House. So many children of God are enabled to attend the services. We thank Brother S. W. Latimer for his note under our article. So many saints have a better mind to give.

We thank our dear Brother J. H.

Walker, General Overseer, for his wonderful time with us in Haiti, March 4-10. His dear presence is still a blessing to both saints and sinners. The people here realize that they are well represented.

We are called here and there to organize new churches, particularly in the south. We have to travel to Lasile, near Aquin, to organize a new church. We will leave Port Au Prince May 16 to go there.

Dear saints, please help us build the work of our Lord in this part of the great Church of God.—Sincerely yours in Him, J. Vital Herne, Overseer of Haiti, Poste Marchand, No. 1000, Port Au Prince, Haiti.

God is Still on the Throne

SHERWOOD CONTENT P. O., Jam.—Dearly beloved children of God, I thank God for this way. I thank Him for the wonderful salvation that He has given me.

Please pray that the Lord will sanctify and fill me with His precious Holy Ghost and fire. I thank God for the wonderful Church of God. Don't be discouraged, we are passing through the same persecutions over here too, but we can shout the victory, for we know God is still on the throne.

Please pray for our little church over here in Sherwood Content and for our dear father in the Lord that the Lord might fill him with His holy power. Though young, I mean by the grace of God to win heaven. Please pray for your weak sister in Jesus' name.—Your sister in Christ, C. E. Notice.

Y. P. E's Doing Good Work

Dear Evangel readers, God bless you all and our wonderful paper which helps us to hear from one another and learn of the wonderful things that God is doing for us. We started a Y. P. E. about the first of the year and are getting along just fine. We have some very fine young people here at Bethel church. They are making wonderful speakers and singers.

We have for our president, Miss Ruby D. Boone, Miss Johnnie Bell Rozier, vice-president, and Miss Pauline Westberry, secretary and treasurer. All of them are full of the Holy Ghost and are wonderful workers for God. We have our meetings Sunday evening at 6:30. Everybody is welcome.

We also praise God for the wonderful Y. P. E. we have at Valdosta, Ga. It was started about three months ago and is going fine. We have two sides; one in charge one night and the other the next meeting night. One side is named Willing Workers with our president, Miss Juanita Godwin, as leader. She surely is a wonderful leader for God and the young peo-

ple. The other side is named Live Wires with Mr. Ernest Lane, one of the most able young men that I know of, for leader. It is hard to tell which is the best side as both of the leaders are full of the Holy Ghost and both are wonderful speakers and leaders. Everybody is welcome. Be sure and come to our Y. P. E. services which are held each Saturday night at 7:30. We believe our Y. P. E. is one of the best in the state. May God bless the Y. P. E. the world over.—Joe H. McCall, Route 3, Lake Park, Ga.

"A TASK BEGUN IS A TASK HALF DONE"

Have you started to collect coupons for the Orphans yet? If not, there is no better time than the present.



For the benefit of new collectors and those who have already been busy, we are giving a list of the products that have coupon value. Remember, it will save postage to send only those coupons that are listed here:

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Standard Condensed Milk	1
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REPORTS

We Are Growing at Key West

KEY WEST, Fla.—The Church of God at Key West is about to rise and shine in newness of life again. Brother J. M. Gresham came here to pastor our church in November. He and his wife have surely been faithful to the church here. The church has been built up spiritually and we all love the pastor and his wife. Our Sunday School has increased rapidly and with everybody working together we won the Florida state Sunday School banner and the \$5.00 cash reward, for which we are proud. So you see we are growing. Our pastor and his wife have the love that Paul speaks about in the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. He had Sister Bethany come and hold a three weeks' revival. She surely gave out the Word in its fullness. We had good crowds every night. Eight claimed to be saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Four were taken into the church. Brother Hubert Brantley came to visit us during the revival and preached his first sermon on "The Last Days." This was surely sound doctrine. Best of all, we had our state overseer and all the preachers on our district. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost were present throughout the revival.—A member of the dear old Church of God, Sister Mary Pent, 4 Pohalski St.

We Have Good Meetings

AMONATE, Va.—I ask every one to pray for my two brothers and two sisters who are away from God, and my father and mother. Also pray for me that I will do the will of my Father which is in heaven. I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I surely thank the Lord for that. There is another thing I am expecting from the Lord and that is the healing of my head. I want everybody to pray that the Lord will heal my head completely. The Lord has been moving upon my heart to go and preach His Word. I used to preach the Word but I belonged to the Free Pentecostal movement.

We have good meetings and the Lord is blessing wonderfully here at Dry Fork. That is about five miles from Amonate, Va., and is a new place. We have only a few saints here to work, so please pray much for this place for it surely needs the Lord. We thank the Lord for a preacher like H. O. Kirk. He is with us now and is preaching here. Pray that God will help him preach His Word, for I believe he is the very man the Lord is wanting here. He is our district

overseer and we don't have any church to preach in. We thank the Lord for the opportunity of having meeting in Sister Myrtie Barnett's home. She surely needs prayer. She has some children who are unsaved. Pray for them.

We have had a great meeting at Hartwell, W. Va., and the Lord surely has been blessing wonderfully there. About thirty-five have been saved and a number have received the Holy Ghost. Pray much for me that I will keep under the blood of Jesus.—A brother in Christ, Robert Mitchell.

Efforts Blessed in Canadian Work

WINDSOR, Ontario, Canada.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings from your Canadian brethren in the name of our soon coming King:

We do want to let you know that God has wonderfully blessed us in our efforts for Him and His Church in Canada. For the last three weeks we have been engaged in a most wonderful revival. Not many have been saved but the young Christians have been established and we do believe that their first love for the Church has been greatly deepened. One young man obeyed the Word, walked in the light, and united with God's people in God's Church Easter Sunday.

We also had a most wonderful baptismal service Easter. There were five who followed the Lord to the watery grave in the Detroit River at Windsor, Ontario. These were the first white people of this city ever to be baptized in running water out in the open, so you can readily see the full gospel has been terribly neglected in this part of this great country. We do desire your earnest prayers that God will continue to give help to the needy souls who are seeking His favor.

We closed our revival Easter Sunday night with a note of victory in the hearts of those who knew the Lord. There were heavy burdens on the hearts of God's children for the unsaved, which causes us to look forward with great anticipation to the time when not only dew drops but an abundance of latter rain will be poured out on His precious people in Canada.

Not only in Windsor has God been blessing, but also in Coatsworth, Ontario, where Sisters Ruth Rice and Helen Rosson have been laboring for the Master. We are expecting God to give us a church there. Also God has been blessing the efforts of our good pastor, Brother Carl J. Hughes, and his wife in the radio activities, via the Chatham Radio Station, CFCO. Their program is on the air each Saturday from one until two in the af-

ternoon. Many people have been reached through this medium. We feel sure through this program there will eventually be a Church of God in Chatham and many other towns in this area. At the present time we are conducting services each Saturday night after our broadcast hour in Chatham with good interest and large crowds.

Pray for us in this work, and if you feel so inclined to help us, we will be truly grateful.—Yours in the Master's service, Evangelist Archie F. McWilliams, 1154 St. Luke Road.

Markleysburg, Pa., Being Blessed of the Lord

We truly thank God for the way He has been blessing here in both a spiritual and financial way. He has especially undertaken for us in a financial way. We are not saying this to boast, but we give God all the praise for it. Easter Sunday had been set for a special building fund drive, so Easter Sunday came and found us with an attendance of one hundred forty at Sunday School, which is the largest attendance we have ever had. The spirit of unity seemed to bind us together in such a way that almost everybody was willing to sacrifice and give for His cause. We thank God for an offering of about \$287.00 which made an amount of \$509.00 since last spring, when we then paid an amount of \$545.00 on the indebtedness. During the last year we also bought a new furnace and paid about \$200.00 on it. Pray that this good work will continue.

We are also thankful for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Koshe-witz, who not only stand for God's Word in its fullness but live the life and do not compromise with Satan one bit.

Our revival started April 21st with Brother Perkins and helper in charge. Every one who reads this please pray that God will give us a great outpouring, that many will see their need of serving Him, and give their hearts to Him while they have time and opportunity.—Sunday School secretary, Leosa Glover, Somerfield, Pa.

A Wonderful Time

CALHOUN, Ga.—A meeting just closed at the Calhoun Church of God. Brother Carl Cox, pastor at South Cleveland (Tenn.) Church of God, did the preaching. He is a very good preacher. The Lord surely did bless and we had a wonderful time in the Lord.

Please pray for Sister Mitchell to be healed of asthma.—J. W. Heaton, district overseer, Route 2.

The Lord is Still Blessing in Wilmington, N. C.

Dear saints, to-day finds me saved and on my way to the promised land which our blessed Lord has gone to prepare for His children.

God is blessing our church work in Wilmington, I am sure that we will have the best report at the state meeting that the church has ever had, especially in tithes and missions. The spiritual condition is also good. Just a word about our beloved pastor, Brother G. C. Hamby. This is his fifth year serving the church here. The church has prospered ever since he first took over the work.

There is more interest in the church work here now than ever before. We are having regular Sunday morning and Sunday evening services with good attendance. Monday nights we have choir practice, led by a capable teacher and a child of God. On Tuesday night we have Bible study, at which time we are studying Revelation. On Wednesday night we have our regular mid-week prayer service, and how the Lord does bless in this service. On Thursday night we have prayer service in a nearby cotton mill village. On Friday night we have the Y. P. E., for which we are now holding the state banner. This will prove we have some interest here. Saturday night is the only night we are not in service and we use that night preparing to be at Sunday School at ten o'clock.

Last but not least, I wish to call your attention to one very important service we have on Thursday evenings from four to five o'clock, known as a "Request Prayer Service." We have a box placed in a convenient place in the church for people to deposit their requests in. On Thursday afternoon this box is opened and the requests read. It will bring tears to your eyes to hear these requests read. Several of them have been answered. We are expecting several more to be answered. The interest is growing and it is proving a blessing to the church, and especially to the ones who gather there on Thursday afternoon. The Lord is wonderfully blessing.

We ask the praying people everywhere to join in with us and help us pray for the success of our church in Wilmington. Please pray for me that I may always be found at my post of duty, trying to do something for the advancement of His work on this earth. Also pray for my home that we will be an unbroken circle in heaven. —Yours truly, J. A. Everett, Wilmington, N. C.

Expecting Church Soon

SEABOARD, Va.—"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together," Ps. 34:3. "Let all those that

seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified," Ps. 40:16.

Dear saints everywhere, this beautiful sunshiny morning I feel impressed to sound a note of praise in honor of our dear Redeemer for what He is doing for us here at Seaboard and this vicinity. Truly God is to be magnified for His goodness to us. Seaboard is a new place for The Church of God and we haven't been here long and don't have a church here yet, but we are looking for one in the near future. God has been wonderfully blessing us since coming here.

When we first came here we didn't have a building to worship in. We began to call on God and ask Him for help, so we have been able to get the Union Hall for regular services. We have had some revival services there in which some were saved, sanctified and a wonderful interest built up. We didn't get to run the revival as long as we wanted to on account of being called away, but we are back now and having services in the hall. We are having about two services a week in the homes and there is a wonderful interest. Last night I saw three very intelligent grown people, who had once known the dear Lord, fall into the altar and began asking God to restore unto them the joys of salvation. There are others who have been saved and sanctified, who are hungry and are seeking God for the blessed Holy Ghost.

They say this has been a very hard place for a Sunday School and the people who have been having Sunday School here before quit and wouldn't have any this quarter, so I asked the people to come out to the hall the first Sunday in April and we would organize and try Sunday School awhile. We gathered and organized with twenty-seven in attendance. We set the goal for one hundred by the first Sunday in May. We more than doubled the second Sunday, we had sixty-four, and I taught a very intelligent young people's class in which there were twenty-six who were interested in the lesson.

I baptized four grown people last Sunday and we are looking for a good evangelist this week to help us in another revival. Pray that God will give us great

success.—Your brother in Him, A. J. Cox.

Thankful to be in the Way

Dear beloved saints of God, I truly thank God that I am in this way, and I mean to go on day by day, by the grace of God. I thank God for the living Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. I praise God for the way He trod, it is the way that leads to heaven. Don't be discouraged if you suffer persecutions for righteousness' sake. I ask all of you to pray an earnest prayer that I may be a busy worker for God. Also pray for me that I may live the life.

I thank God that He has filled me with His blessed Holy Ghost which is heaven's best gift. It has been one year and six months since I accepted the Lord and I mean to hold fast to the Word of God to the end. We have a little church in Sherwood Content, so we need your prayers for it is very young. Please pray for Brother V. Marrett, who is in need of the blessed Holy Ghost. Pray for us here. God help us all to keep true in Jesus' name.—Your loving sister in Christ, B. M. Lewis, Sherwood Content P. O., Trelawny, Jam., B. W. I.

A Great Easter Day

NEWBERRY, Fla.—We praise God for a day of heavenly showers. The Lord was so near we could feel His power and presence. Precious memories will linger with those present. The program started with songs, prayers and an extraordinary sermon by our dearly beloved and capable district overseer, Brother C. M. Phillips, on "The Resurrection." After this good soul food we enjoyed a feast for the natural body spread near the new church building which is almost finished.

We gathered again at two o'clock. After songs, prayers and music, tears of joy flowed as Sister Happy Lee Smith brought a very touching message on "Who Will Be in the Rapture?" After two very enjoyable special songs were rendered Brother R. D. Kohn brought a wonderful message on "The Faithful Church Member." The subject was handled well.

Please remember the work at Newberry when you pray.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. W. Coleman.

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SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE ORIENT

By J. H. INGRAM

THE TEMPLE SERVICE AT NARA

In the first installment of this article we dealt largely with the description of the ancient temple at Nara, Japan, including the great image of "Diabutsu"—Buddha—and the surrounding temple grounds. Although we are still in China at the time of this writing, we shall not consider this great empire, which in itself is a center of heathenism. But we shall endeavor to carry our readers—in mind—back to Japan where heathen rites seem to sway the people with their sinister influence.

At the time of my visit to this temple, the twelve-century-old "Mizutori" rites were going strong. One all-night service was held with thousands of pilgrims coming from all sections of the surrounding country to participate. The night service was opened by the lighting of a huge "Dattan" torch in the inner apartment, after which a priest, wearing a quaint turban, waved the great torchlight from the outside balcony of the main pavilion. There was a general stampede following this demonstration, as the people struggled to "walk in the light" and to recover bits of charred embers as they fell from the "sacred torch."

Following this, a torchlight procession was led by the priests to a well at the foot of the hill below, where "sacred" water, which was supposed to dispel evil and invite happiness, was distributed.

In the inner shrine other priests with shaven heads, and wearing white robes, were ministering rites to others, who literally thronged the place. One need only see one of these services in progress to convert him to foreign missions, if he is not already so disposed. It surely ought to move all Christians to greater activity, as they endeavor to lead the poor heathens to Jesus, where they may be blessed by walking in the light of His Word," and "drinking at the fountain which never runs dry."

IN NISHI HONGANJI AT KYOTO

Time and space will not permit a lengthy description, but I should like for you to indulge me in a brief account of my visit to the great Temple "Nishi Honganji" at Kyoto.

The things that impressed me most was the great sacrifice these faithful people have to make in carrying out their religious vows, and to see how willingly

they go about it. For example, when the temple in question was under construction, no ropes could be found which were strong enough to lift the great timbers into the place, so word was sent out that only ropes made of human hair were the only kind that would answer for the purpose. In response to this appeal, thousands of the faithful women followers clipped their beautiful long tresses—for which Japanese women are noted—and sent their hair as an offering (while some of our folks aren't even willing to let their hair grow for Jesus' sake, although it is given as a "covering" and is the "glory" of the woman, always adding to her beauty, and general womanly appearance). I had the privilege of viewing several of these ropes in question, one of which was thirty-six feet in length, and fifteen and one-half inches in circumference. Sacrifices are entirely foreign to some of us Christians. We seem to think we have done the Lord a great favor when we throw a few "coppers" into the missionary collection; yes, collection. What do you say? let's make it a real offering next time! for, after all, God has a claim, not only upon us, but upon our material things. "For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof."

IMPRESSIVE CHRISTIAN SERVICES

While Japan is fastly becoming modernized, thank God, she is turning to Christianity for consolation of soul and mind as well as healing of the body. There is absolute religious freedom for all classes, and crowds are flocking to the services to hear the story of Jesus. As Brother Jonas, the noted colored elder, used to say, some people will not serve the Lord, and raise the devil, so to speak, when others make an effort to get to God in a revival. Not so in Japan. They are too proud and have too much self-respect to be caught disturbing a religious meeting.

We visited a number of stations outside the main compound after we closed the special meetings held at the Ikoma Bible School. We usually took along some of the students, who, generally speaking, made wonderful workers. It was really heart-stirring to see the hungry souls flocking to God, although it often means untold sacrifice on the part of the seekers, in turning from their heathen practices. While we have only made mention so far of the great temple services, the country is dotted with road-side shrines, where one may

conveniently visit his own little stone god and leave him an offering—sometimes a meal is set before him in case he should for any reason become hungry, and thus appease his wrath.

In the Japanese homes the people sit on the floor upon mats instead of in chairs, as we are accustomed to do. This holds true to form in the missions likewise. A vestibule is attached to every place of worship—the same as in private homes—where one pauses to remove his shoes before entering, where they usually are packed in like sardines, the men on one side and the women on the other. They kneel, then sit back upon their feet. The floors are covered with straw mats some two or three inches in thickness, which makes it much like walking on a mattress. There are small cotton cushions or mats provided for in addition to this. The Japanese do not shake hands as do we, but make polite bows, usually touching the floor with the forehead when in a kneeling position.

Now for the scenes connected with the first evangelistic meeting held in a new mission, just built. I have in mind the night we went to Hanazono. A student had gone on before and opened the meeting at the hall with a children's meeting. The children usually come first to find out about the Christian God. We met at the door and formed in line with our band of music. Brother Coote and myself headed the parade, and down the street we went, singing and playing "Tada Shinge Ro-O-o"—Glory to His Name. The farther we go winding around the narrow streets, the larger the crowd gets. Then we come to a halt on some prominent corner for a street meeting, where we are literally thronged by the people, anxious to hear the first news of Jesus' saving grace. The service over, we march back to the chapel to the tune of "Iesu no mina home yo"—Blessed Be The Name. By this time the street is blocked and Brother Coote calls to me to hurry and get inside while he holds the crowd back, with the band playing at the door. The colorful procession is over, and we launch into the service, with standing room at a premium around the altar. I preached in English by sentences, while Mr. Coote interpreted. At the close of the service we dismissed the crowd which left very quietly, excepting nine men who stayed behind to inquire the way to God. We gathered about the "hibachi"—a large, enameled stone, crockery ware fire pot, heated with charcoal, as it was cold on this night. An old-time altar service followed, and God met us in a very special way. While all of the men in question were inquiring, five of them took a definite stand for the Lord, and went away with the smiles of heaven

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Gospel Going Forth With Convicting Power

OMEGA, Ga. — The Union Grove Church of God near Omega, Brother J. L. Ball pastor, sends Christian greetings in Jesus' name to the Church of God scattered abroad.

We thank and praise God for the fellowship and communion of the blessed Holy Ghost with the brethren and sisters here. We have had the privilege of being regular attendants in the services since the Christmas holidays. God has so wonderfully blessed. Souls have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Backsliders have been reclaimed and the gospel is going forth with convicting power. Souls are being stirred and critics are being convinced, by the power of the Holy Ghost that God makes manifest through the saints.

We earnestly covet the prayers of the saints that God will continue to be in our midst with great power to bring souls into His kingdom, and to convince the gainsayer of the truth of His sure gospel by the Holy Ghost.—E. H. Sumner.

MOTHER

There is a little old lady
Whose hair is silv'ry white;
She quietly sits and knits
By the flickering candle light.
You can hear her singing
Songs of long ago—
Humming in the twilight
When lights are soft and low.

She is a little lady,
Who goes to God in prayer,
Who loves to read her Bible
When she's burdened down with care.
She is meek and humble,
Her voice is low and kind—
She is a kind of angel
Sent from the Hand Divine.

I love to feel her wrinkled hand
Soothe my weary brow,
As she did in childhood days.
It hardly seems but now
When I would go to her,
When temptations were strong,
And she would gently show me
The way of right and wrong.

I love that little old lady,
Who has toiled for me all these years;
She has prayed and wept for me
And kissed away my tears.
She is the dearest one to me,
There'll never be another
To take your place within my heart,
My own precious Mother!

—Gwendolyn Edge.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Bahama Islands Convention
Nassau, N. P., Bah., May 5-10
WILLIAM R. FRANKS, Overseer

Georgia State Convention
May 7-10

Georgia Camp Meeting
Macon, Ga., July 9-19
J. P. HUGHES, Overseer

Alabama State Convention
Pratt City, Ala., May 8-10
G. C. DUNN, Overseer

North Carolina State Convention
Charlotte, N. C., May 13-16
JOHN L. STEPHENS, Overseer

Illinois State Convention
Benton, Ill., May 20-24
J. L. GOINS, Overseer

Indiana State Convention
Shelburn, Ind., May 22-24
C. H. STANDIFER, Overseer

Michigan State Convention
May 28-31, Detroit, Mich.
D. G. PHILLIPS, Overseer

Florida State Camp Meeting
June 4-14, Wimauma, Fla.
E. W. WILLIAMS, Overseer

Ohio State Convention
Akron, Ohio, June 4-7
E. HAYNES, Overseer

Tennessee State Convention
Cleveland, Tenn., June 19-21
M. P. CROSS, Overseer

Northwest Camp Meeting and Convention
Minot, N. Dak., June 27-July 5
PAUL H. WALKER, Overseer

Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa States Convention

Pittsburg, Kans., July 10-12
J. M. SNYDER, Overseer

NOTICES

Due to the flood condition in Harrisburg, we were unable to hold our district convention in April. The new date for our convention will be May 22-24. Churches on the district, leave off regular services and come. Entertainment will be free. The convention will convene at 1266 Miller St., Harrisburg, Pa. Any one coming from other districts and wanting information as to how to reach Miller St., write me at above address.—Harold R. Pelton, district pastor.

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To whom this may concern: I have been elected clerk of the Brownfield Church of God. If the following persons are not heard from within thirty days, their names will be dropped from the church roll: Ada Zeigler, Jewel Parks, Freddie Nelson, Cora Rea, Eula Waldrop, Clara Adams, Dollie Sims, E. Monroe, Mrs. G. C. Crutcher, M. E. Delk, Florence Owens, Evelyn Holly, Edith Williams, Ruby Couithom, Eugene Doyle, Newton Nelson, J. F. Sims, M. E. Stowers, and Cliff Boyes.—Your brother in Christ, Jeff Holland, Brownfield, Tex.

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There will be all-day service and dinner on the ground at the Church of God at Advance on Mother's Day. We are going to expect our state overseer, district pastor and others to be with us on that day. Come one and all, enjoy yourself with the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and a table of good things to eat. We're looking for you, so don't disappoint us.—D. O. Bland, pastor; Mrs. Velma Williams, clerk, Garner, Tex., Route 1.

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Requests

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I have a very bad case of stomach trouble. Please don't forget to pray, and remember the church here at Glamorgan.—Mr. Oakley Carter, Glamorgan, Va.

Dear saints, I have a very special, unspoken request. Will you please remember this when you pray? Also pray a special prayer for the healing of my body.—Mrs. C. H. Standifer, Shelburn, Ind.

Please pray for me as I have been afflicted for some time. I had an operation for tumor and the doctor said the tumor was developing again. I want to trust God so I ask every one to have special prayer for me that God will heal my body.—Mary Owens, Blacksburg, S. C.

I ask the prayers of all the Christians that I will stay humble at the foot of the cross and do just what the Lord would have me do. Pray for my brothers who are out on the bleak mountains of sin, and pray for my husband to get back to the Lord. There is no Church of God around here and this surely is a wicked place. Pray God to take hold and that the true Church might reach here. Pray that I will hold Jesus up in this wicked place as I should.—A sister under the blood, Dealie Starnes, Gideon, Mo.

We are under a strain and need your prayers. We are trying to build a church and parsonage and as there is just a few of us it is hard but God said He would supply our needs. Please remember Jena, La., when you pray.—George Hemphill, pastor at Jena, La.

I have suffered lots in my body and feel bad in my head most of the time. I desire all the saints to pray for my body to be healed. Also remember my mother in prayer and pray for my sisters and brothers as so many are out in sin. Pray for God to convict them and save their souls.—Mrs. E. C. Dedge, Lake Park, Ga.

Please pray for me that God will heal me and save me. I have some kind of sick spells and I have had them all my life. I will soon be sixteen years old.—Myron Bass, Fayetteville, N. C.

Please remember me and pray that God will heal my eyes and nerves. He has healed me before and I know He can now.—Flora Aycock, Rt. 1, c/o Joe Rogers, Kannapolis, N. C.

We are taking new courage but we covet the prayers of all of God's people for we need help.—Mrs. Hazel Hilton, 1220 S. Glenn, Wichita, Kansas.

Please pray for this church. We are having a revival now which has been going for three weeks and there has only one been saved. Pray that God will drive back every opposing power and stir up this town with His mighty power.—Earnest Cox, clerk, Okeechobee, Fla.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in answer to your prayers but we are not completely healed yet and want every one to continue to pray for us until we get the victory. We thank every one for the anointed handkerchiefs and encouraging letters.—J. L. Lavender, wife and son, Vardaman, Miss., Rt. 3, Box 115.

Dear Evangel readers, please pray for the revival that is going here now. I started the meeting with the assistance of my wife and Brother Emory Stone and wife. God is blessing, one has received the Holy Ghost. We do not have a good building but God is blessing. The devil is fighting. I want you to pray that God will give us souls for our labor. If you are in reach, come in and help me.—Elliott Justice, Maxie, Va.

Dear saints, I have a breaking out on my body and it is giving me considerable trouble. I am a member of the Church of God and hold exhorter's license. I am going to turn my case over to God in faith. James 5 tells us if any man be afflicted, let him pray the Lord. I have been praying and I'm asking you when you read this to pray for me right there and then and ask God for His precious will to be done in me. This breaking out is like little bumps which annoy me by itching and God knows my heart. I want relief from this disease. Please ask God to keep me humble and to heal my body and to make me willing for His will to be done. I need the prayer of faith prayed now for me.—Charles Lee Gibbs, Clairfield, Tenn.

Please pray that God will grant an unspoken request if it is His will. Pray that I will live where He can use me for His glory.—Mrs. J. N. Azlin, Rt. 2, Tutwiler, Miss.

Dear saints, please pray for my son who has the malaria fever. Pray for him to be saved, also pray for my son who has no health, and my daughter who has lost her health. She has the malaria fever too. Just pray that the Lord will help me to overcome the daily trials and for all my children to be ready when the Lord calls them.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. Lou Creasy Berry, Route 1, Dillon, S. C.

Please pray for Mathue Smith and Charlie Martin. Be sure to pray for them. Mr. Smith is a sinner and he wants God's people to pray for him, both body and soul and he would like to hear from the Christian people. Don't fail to pray for Robert Crowder, Pine Breeze Sanatorium, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mr. Mathue Smith, Pine Breeze Sanatorium, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear brothers and sisters, please pray for me. I have had a severe pain in my head and eyes for ten days. I know the Lord can heal. I am a widow and I trust the Lord for my healing.—Mrs. Ellen Croll, Rt. 3, East Newman, Ga.

We are planning on having a revival here this summer. Please pray that we will have a great revival with many souls saved and that we will get a church set in order. Pray for me that I will be an overcomer in everything. Pray for my home that all will be saved.—A sister, Etta Blazer, Rt. 2, Parrottsville, Tenn.

I am requesting special prayer for the healing of my body and eye. I have a cancer in my left eye. Pray for me to get the Holy Ghost and also pray for my girls and boy to be saved before it is too late. Pray for the Lord to supply our needs.—Mrs. Birtie Coleman, Kennedy, Ala., Rt. 2.

Dear saints, please pray for two unspoken requests which I have. They are needful to me. Also pray for the revival at this place which is going now. Pray that many will be saved.—Silas D. Smith, clerk, St. George, W. Va.

I certainly enjoyed the state convention at Burdette, Ark. The Lord surely did bless. Pray for me to be baptized with the precious Holy Ghost and that I will know His will. Dear friends, if I know my heart, I want to do the Lord's will. I feel that the dear Lord has a work for me to do and I really want to be in the center of His will.—Austin Williams, Step Rock, Ark.

I thank the Lord because it was possible for us to attend the Tug River district convention. I was only there for the last day, but I surely did enjoy the message by Brother E. C. Clark, state overseer of West Virginia. I want all the saints to pray for us here at Hemphill.—Earl D. Henderson, Hemphill, W. Va.

Some say talk is cheap, but it has cost some people their soul's salvation and has separated husbands and wives, and has divided and separated brothers and sisters in Christ, and robbed many of a peaceful conscience; this kind of talk is not very cheap.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my dear friend, Mrs. Mary Hemphill, who passed away February 29, 1936. Also, in memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Ella Mason Ritchey, who departed this life June 7, 1933. Composed by Mrs. Harry Baldwin, Eldorado, Ill. Dedicated to all whose mothers have passed away.

OUR MOTHER

Oh, our precious darling mother,
Since you've left us all alone,
Oh, how we miss your presence,
And it doesn't seem like home.
When we return from our work,
There is your vacant chair.
There's no one there to welcome us
With loving smiles so dear.

We'll never forget the labors of
Those beautiful hands so fair,
How they toiled without ceasing,
To make a pleasant home while here.
'Midst the toils and cares of life,
You'd never murmur or complain,
But would always wear a smile,
However hard the trial came.

We'll never forget that heart of love
That won you friends with all you'd
meet,

And you always had time to spend
To try to help some one in need.
We'll never forget the lessons you taught
us,

How to live and how to pray,
That we, too, may be found ready,
When our Lord calls us away.

The beautiful Christian life you've lived,
The many golden deeds you've done,
Leaves memories pictured in our hearts.
Will linger till our Lord says come.

Dearest mother, your prayers shall be answered,

For we're going to try to live while
here,

A life like you have lived before us,
Then we know we'll have nothing to
fear.

Just a few more lonely days,
We will not have long to wait,
Then we'll meet you, darling mother,
Waiting at the pearly gate,
Then your little family circle
Will be unbroken over there
And we'll live in our beautiful mansion
Jesus said He would prepare.

Easter Program A Success

The Easter program put on at the church at Altoona, Ala., was very good. Brother J. A. Seay, the superintendent of our Sunday School, assumed the responsibility of sponsoring the play and it was grand. We had a large crowd. Brother Philen gave the welcome address.

The last scene of the play was very

sacred, and as I try to pen these few words, there is a sadness and yet a sweetness that completely captures this soul of mine, that I must give vent to my feelings occasionally and lift my eyes to God and praise His dear name for the touch of heaven that now covers my soul. The little boys and girls said their speeches fine. I believe everyone enjoyed the program immensely.—J. A. Lindsay, Altoona, Ala.

All-day Meeting Held

CRESSLEYS CORNER, Pa.—On Easter an all-day meeting was the scene at Cressleys Corner church. Service opened at ten o'clock. Praise service was conducted by Brother Perkins, an evangelist from Georgia. Brother E. P. Kimball from Williamsburg, Pa., had charge of the entire service. He spoke to us in the morning on "The Resurrection." This was a soul-stirring message. At 11:45 service was dismissed for dinner.

At 2:00 p. m. Sunday School opened with a song and prayer. After Sunday School Brother Kimball took charge again. He spoke to the Sunday School with encouraging words as to the work. Brother Dave Lykens, our district Y. P. E. superintendent, gave some wonderful advice on Y. P. E. work, which was much needed and appreciated. At 3:20 Brother Durden spoke to our hearts on "The Veil Was Rent in Twain." Brother Perkins brought us a good message on "Man's Will in Subjection to God's Will." Brother Kimball then spoke a few minutes. Brother Kimball exhorted us on "How to Spend Our Time for Jesus and How Much it Will Profit Us to Spend it in Sincerity." These were words of comfort and encouragement to all. At 4:20 there was a healing service. The service came to a close at 4:40 p. m. after which the Sunday School was treated.

The day's meeting was not spent in

vain as the Holy Ghost was present. The power of God was manifested and His children wonderfully blessed. That good spirit entered in the beginning of the service and lasted throughout the day. We enjoyed the special music and singing that was rendered during the day. We rejoice to know that God is still on the throne and answering prayer. Pray for us at Cressleys Corner, Pa., that we may do His will and be a greater blessing to all than ever before.—J. K. Morgan, clerk.

Notice!

We are announcing our annual State Convention at Charlotte, N. C., May 13-16. By starting on Wednesday night it will enable us to close Saturday night, thus enabling pastors to return for their Sunday services. We are praying and trusting God for a great convention. All our ministers in the state are expected to attend; and all, so far as possible, and many saints from out of the state, are expected to be with us. To reap the benefit of this meeting, one, of course, would need to be there at the opening service and remain until the closing. Our people will be expected to do this, as this is arranged for your advantage.

We believe the Lord is coming soon, and we are trusting this meeting to be an encouragement to us, one and all.

We are expecting our General Overseer, J. H. Walker; our Assistant General Overseer, R. P. Johnson, and Editor and Publisher, S. W. Latimer. The band from Greenville, S. C., and other visitors as well from other states will be with us. You are invited. As you read this, will you please breathe a word in prayer? Remember the date and continue with us in prayer, that the Lord will bless in the old-time way in this convention. Amen.—Humbly, John L. Stephens, Overseer of North Carolina.

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Mother's Day

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spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever."

Here Mary puts into words her praise and glory for the Lord and His kindness to her in giving her a son. How different are many of our women today. Mary was just a quiet little maid in a small village but she was pure and holy and had in her mind and heart to worship and serve the Lord, so she was chosen as the mother of the Savior. She was of the true mother type. In all the collection of arts and pictures it is said that the mother with her baby is prized more highly than any other. While many of us have never had the pleasure of visiting these art galleries, especially in France, seeing the beautiful painting of the mother with her baby, yet we can see every day the value of true motherhood. We think about Mary in her quiet maiden life, with all of her beauty and grace, waiting on the Lord, then we think of the hurry and bustle of the twentieth century and how different the womanhood of today is compared to that in the past. But let us not think that the home type of mother or the type of Mary is not longed for and cherished. Even in our day men of sobriety and virtue cherish the humble, home-loving mother. There are thousands to-day who are filled with the desire to be helpful and they long for a virtuous home and motherhood, and I am sure the world recognizes them as the hope of our country, while it is true that in this twentieth century thousands have lost the spirit of home and of virtue and truth, and have gone out into the world to live lives of dissipation, and how sad this is. But the true manhood of our country has great respect for the virtues and graces of a true mother.

EDITORIALS

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ference. The task of the present Church is to give the gospel to all the peoples of

this age. If the people without the gospel be black, red, or yellow, we conceive it our duty to carry the story to them. We make it our business to stir the Church to manifest zeal in the taking of the glad tidings of these heathen hosts. Going to the Mohammedan, the Buddhist, the Confucian, and the animist, we know is the Church's task. The oceans are crossed and great hardships endured to go with the gospel to the last race on earth. Shall we not with the same zeal or even with greater zeal remember these fifteen million Jews living in our very midst, in horrible blindness and superstition?

The Way of Holiness

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carrying our Bible under our arms and we were safe in the red light districts and in the underworld sections, as we dressed the part of a child of God. We always went by two and never can we remember men laughing, flirting and acting smart with us, but many times in these dark, wicked, evil places, have men taken off their hats and stepped aside for us to pass. Glory to God! Hallelujah!

"Walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." "Rest of the purified, rest of the free, I plunge into the crimson tide, opened for me." Yes, you will have rest for your souls. There's a cleanness and a purity and a holy boldness, when you walk in the "old paths" for you will have the sense of His presence with you. "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Cant. 6:10, 4. When Jacob cleaned out the strange gods in their midst then "the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob." Gen. 35:5.

When the Church of God "cleans out all the new stylish ways that are so easy to walk in and get in the 'old paths' of holiness, in dress, conversation, and walk, then the 'terror of God' will be in our midst. She, as the Bride of Christ, shall be 'terrible' as an army with 'banners' and 'the slain of the Lord will be many.'"

The very look of Finney as he walked past a girl weaving in a mill, brought her to tears and sobbing, and a revival broke out right then and there in the mill.

"But they said, We will not walk therein." God used us to witness against all these things in many churches and missions, speaking under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit, "But they said, We will not walk therein." The result was no peace or rest, but confusion and false doctrine came in, and evil spirits. 2 Thess. 2:10, 11. "And for this cause God shall send them strong de-

lusion that they should believe a lie"—because they received not the truth, that they might be saved. The "Jesus only" doctrine came in, and unclean spirits, and we have seen them dance like snakes under the devil's power.

Dear saints of God, keep in the "old paths," that great highway of holiness, that strait and narrow way that leads to life, and "few there be that walk therein."

O Church of the Living God, spread forth your wings as an old mother hen and call back your chicks that have wandered into the evil ways and highways of sin, and ask for the old paths and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Jer. 6:17.

Word of God Went Forth in its Purity

CRUM, W. Va.—The Lord is still blessing at Wharnccliffe, W. Va. We praise Him for the good revival we had at Wharnccliffe. We began a meeting here March 8th which lasted three weeks. The Lord surely did bless. Brother Jack Sexton and his wife did a wonderful work with their music.

The Lord blessed old men and old women. They went to an altar of prayer and prayed through. About six were saved, six sanctified, and two filled with the precious Holy Ghost. The saints were blessed and much encouraged. People came for miles and enjoyed the music and the Word of God went forth in its purity. Pray for the church at this place.—L. E. Dean, pastor.

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Effectual Prayer

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on the broad road that leads to everlasting destruction, surely we recognize the great need of prayer in their behalf. Our responsibility does not cease with just common efforts. There is a fearful responsibility upon each of us. I fear souls that we might have saved will cry out at us at the judgment and condemn us for our failure to do our full duty in prayer if not otherwise. I want to do more for God.

I feel the call increasingly to give my life more fully to prayer. It is this through which we can reach the throne of grace. We must touch Christ before we can touch men's hearts. A minister should go from his knees to the pulpit and often from the pulpit to his knees. Even after the message is delivered much prayer should be offered, praying that God will not let the devil catch away the good words that have been spoken. Without prayer messages are often almost, if not totally, lost. Every message has its portion of good seed but Satan will destroy the effect if God doesn't prevail against him, and God does this in answer to prayer. The greatest and most effective preachers of all ages have been the greatest prayers. Many of them have done their best and most effective preaching after having spent the whole night in agonizing prayer to God. Some of these men and women of prayer have effected whole audiences by their presence as they walked upon the platform, before a word was spoken.

I feel the presence and power of God as I write. Surely the Lord has put His approval on this message and now may we all get real close to God, walk in Him, preach by His power, and live in His very presence, and may the spirit of prayer strike us all deeper. Let's not depend on our preaching, but pray and depend on God. Prayer is what does the work. It has been said that a prayerless church is a dead church and I think it can be just as well said that a prayerless preacher is a dead preacher. A preacher had just as well not preach if there is no prayer behind it, and I don't mean just the saying over of a few sentences, but I mean real heart cries, agonizing groans and soul-stirring prayers that rob the devil of his power and swing the power of God around to move upon stony hearts. Dear souls, let's plunge our lives daily into the fountain of the blood of Jesus and as we see in the condition of world affairs one of the evident signs of the return of our Lord, may we not take it as a signal to fold our hands and wait for the trumpet blast. Lord, help us to be up and doing, warning every soul to repent. There must come a spirit-

ual awakening or civilization is doomed, and this can only come through prayer.

MISSIONS

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on their faces.

Well, I am not near through with the subject, but must close, as the ship is ready to sail for Hong Kong, and I must get this off in the mail before leaving Shanghai. But to say the least, my trip to Japan was not in vain, and I have never been treated more royally. Brother Coote is a man who is greatly used of God. His work is entirely run on the faith lines and is supported by well-wishers all over the world. The work has grown by leaps and bounds during the last few years. In addition to the Bible School they have built several other buildings, including several mission churches, and are enlarging their quarters at this time. They have an up-to-date publishing plant and put out numerous books and papers in English and Japanese. This brother seemed very much interested in the Church of God, and has accepted an invitation to visit our next General Assembly in America. "Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver" so I want all of my words to be fitly spoken, insofar as is humanly possible. Therefore, I do not want to say anything that would in any way retard the work of God if I know it. But to say the least, I am convinced that God had a hand in my coming to Japan.

I will not have time to speak at length regarding the farewell service at the school, but there were not a few tears shed, and I just literally bellowed and cried, could not help it, as I said farewell to this splendid student body. The tune of "God Be With You" in Japanese never seemed sadder.

PERSONAL LETTER FROM JAPAN

Sent to us by Brother J. H. Ingram for publication:

Feb. 24, 1936.

Dear Brother Ingram:

Greetings in our Lord Jesus. It is just a few days since the first anniversary of our landing in Japan. Was it to celebrate that that about 10:30 a. m. a rather hard earthquake caused this house (which was so badly damaged eighteen months ago in a typhoon) to bump up and down and sway from side to side? At any rate, even while the windows and dishes were rattling and Paul was grabbing the tea-kettle which was splashing hot water around, I thought, "This is typical of the upheaval that has taken place in many lives this year." Hallelujah! an upheaval displacing idolatry and heathen superstitions, and enthroning as Lord the blessed

"Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Since the great disastrous earthquake in Yokohama and Tokyo when 100,000 is said to have perished, it is only natural that many unsaved Japanese become almost hysterical when old mother earth roars and heaves and great mountains tremble and shake. Surely it is a strange feeling, but praise God, His peace that passeth understanding does sweetly keep one calm and in a spirit of worship. We have had quite a number of smaller shocks since but He "that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. There were some deaths in Osaka and neighboring towns and some property damage, but not on the compound, for which we are truly grateful to our Heavenly Father.

Yes, this has been a year of blessed upheavals in many villages as Brother Coote has taken the tent from place to place, and students, missionaries and children all have added their bit backed by prayer and faith. Though the cold is very bitter and there is snow on the ground now, yet plans are being made to again start tent campaigns next month. The third-year students graduate then and as the nest is kept stirred and they have had many opportunities to try their wings, we believe as they go forth depending on the Holy Spirit, He will surely stir up more hearts, more villages, more towns—more, more, until this wonderful Holy Ghost, this "uttermost" salvation, reaches the uttermost parts of this Island Empire.

The increasing frequency of earthquakes and other scriptural signs of the closing of this dispensation, urge us on to greater effort, greater sacrifice, greater faith for a revival such as Japan has never known. Missionary work requires all there is of us. It meant the life of God's dear Son. It results in "a great multitude which no man can number, of all nations and kindreds and people and tongues," rescued from the devil and safe in glory. Rev. 7:9. Hallelujah. Yes, missions pay. Pray for us.

Love in the Lord Jesus,

Brother and Sister J. H. Gray.

Missions mean loyalty to Christ, Mark 16:14-16.

Missions mean spreading the "Good News" Acts 1:8.

Missions mean sacrifice. 2 Tim. 4:9-18.

Missions mean vision. Acts 16:8-10.

Missions mean giving. 2 Cor. 9:6-15.

Missions mean changed lives. Titus 3:1-8.

There is no kind of talking machine that can run so long without winding as the "human" talking machine. It is easy to start but hard to stop.

Help Us Rejoice in the Lord

Sunday night, March 29th, we pitched a revival against sin and the devil. Brother Earl Ledford from Mountain City, Ga., did the preaching. The Lord wonderfully blessed Brother Ledford and anointed him in every service. The enemy worked in every way he could to hinder and discourage but the saints held on to God, prayed and interceded to the Lord and He heard and answered prayer. Several souls were wonderfully blessed.

The good Lord knew we were in need of help, so He sent Brother Galloway from Shooting Creek, N. C., over to help us. God blessed him in giving out messages. We thank God for Brothers Ledford and Galloway, who will not compromise, but will take their stand against sin and the devil and preach the unadulterated Word of God. May God bless them and give them many precious souls for their labor.

Every one who reads this, please pray for us here at Andrews. There are some hungry hearts here and a vast number of people are looking this way and declare holiness is right. Our leader, Sister Grace Grant, came here last October. We thank God for Sister Grace, and truly feel the Lord directed her here to us. She has been a great help to us, also a great inspiration to the church. We truly praise God for her untiring efforts. We are greatly encouraged with the good work that's already been accomplished during the time of her ministry here.

Please pray for us at this place, for the devil is coming at us from every angle and says our efforts are all in vain, but we, the Church of God at Andrews, are not serving a dead Christ. He is a captain that has never known defeat. We believe God is going to do great things for us at this place.

We thank God for the sweet fellowship and unity that now exists. Our Sunday School is on the increase and we're moving on just fine. Pray for us to hold out faithful and bravely fight the battle. I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be found blameless at His coming.—Mily Mull, Andrews, N. C., Box 476.

Revival Like Old Time

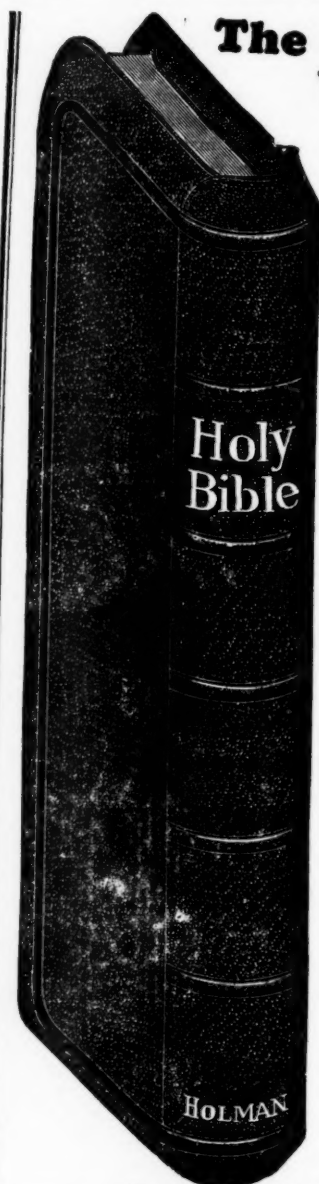
UNION, S. C.—We have just closed a revival in which God wonderfully blessed. Twenty-three were saved, sixteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church, which makes a total of eighteen members we have taken in since the Assembly, including three transfers.

Brother Odis Smith, district pastor, did the preaching and God certainly did bless him in giving out the Word. He won many friends while here—both Christians

and sinners. I believe the whole church will join me in saying he has a warm welcome back any time.

Every service during the revival was a good one, and some who have been in the church a long time (including Brother Smith) said it seemed like old times. The

altar would fill up with hungry seekers almost every night and the saints worked fine. We appreciate working with a band of saints who will work and do their best for lost souls. Pray for us here that God will continue to bless.—W. H. Horton, pastor, 236 W. Main St.



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Christ is tempted. He beginneth to preach. ST. MATTHEW, 4, 5.	
13 ¶ Then cometh Jē'sus from Gāl'ilee to Jōr'dan unto Jōhn, to be baptized of him.	A. D. 28.
14 But Jōhn forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?	CHAP. 4. v. ch. 2. 22. A. D. 28.
13 And leaving Nāz-a-rēth, he came and dwelt in Cā-per'nā-um, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zāb'u-lon and Nēph'thā-lim:	
14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by E-sā'as the prophet,	

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